Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes a change to FIG. 5a. This sheet, which includes FIGS. 4c as well, replaces the original sheet of FIG. 5a and 4c.

In FIG.5a, element 121 is now shown.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Change

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REMARKS

Claims 28-33, 35-41, 44 and 46-48 are pending. Claims 1-27, and 49-58 are withdrawn. Claims 34,42,43,45, have been canceled.

Support for the amendment to claim 44 is found in as-filed claim 45.

The drawings stand objected to because they do not include the reference numeral 121 mentioned in the specification.

Applicants submit herewith a replacement sheet containing the reference numeral 121 in FIG. 5a.

Claims 28-41, and 46-48 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as indefinite because the functional limitations "adapted to fit in the first transverse throughhole" and "adapted to fit in the second transverse throughhole" are not supported by recitation of adequate structure in the claim.

Applicants have amended claim 28 so that the pins are required to fit in the respective throughholes. Applicant submits that the structure of a pin is well known to the skilled artisan and so is supported by recitation of adequate structure in the claim.

Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn as moot.

Claim 44 stands rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by US Patent No. 7,011,685 (Arnin).

Claim 44 now contains all the limitations of claim 45. The Examiner indicated that claim 45 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claim 44 is now in condition for allowance, and the rejection should be withdrawn

In addition, please provide any additional extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 10-0750, but do not include any payment of issue fees.

Should there be any remaining or further questions, the Examiner is requested to place contact the undersigned directly.

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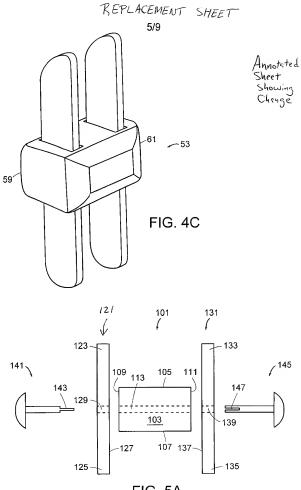


FIG. 5A